



## I-215 BI-COUNTY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

# PROJECT FACT SHEET

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## WHAT IS THE I-215 BI-COUNTY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT?

San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG), in cooperation with the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), is working to complete preliminary engineering and environmental documents for the widening of Interstate 215. This 6.5-mile project will extend from Orange Show Road in San Bernardino through the cities of Colton, Grand Terrace, and Riverside to the 60/91/215 interchange in Riverside County. In addition to SANBAG and RCTC, other project partners include: the cities of Riverside, Grand Terrace, Colton, and San Bernardino; the counties of Riverside and San Bernardino; the California Department of Transportation

(Caltrans), and the Federal Highway Administration. The project is designed to relieve traffic congestion while minimizing and avoiding environmental impacts. The project will evaluate the addition of carpool lanes, mixed flow lanes, and other freeway operational improvements. Other possible components include widening, and, if necessary, reconfiguring local street interchanges and analyzing the need for direct carpool lane connectors to Interstate 10 and State Route 60. The project team is working to achieve a constructible, operational and safe design that takes into account future traffic demands, while minimizing impacts to the surrounding communities.



## HOW WILL THE PROJECT BE FUNDED?

SANBAG has allocated \$2 million for preliminary engineering and \$1.5 million for environmental work. RCTC is contributing 25 percent of the total cost toward this work, which began in December 2003 and is expected to take five to seven years to complete this initial phase. The Riverside County portion of this project is included in the voter-approved Measure A Extension Program.

Measure I, the half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements in San Bernardino County, was originally approved by voters in November 1989.

County voters approved the extension of Measure I by a two-thirds majority in November 2004, allowing the measure to continue through 2040.

Funding for the project has not been finalized, but the total cost is estimated to be \$500 million. Although SANBAG's share of the construction costs originally was slated to be funded in part by Measure I funds, state and federal budget crises have made the complete funding of this project an impossibility through the original Measure I. Because San Bernardino County voters approved the extension of Measure I

from 2010 to 2040 during the November 2004 election, funds will be allocated from the Measure I extension to build this project. The widening of Interstate 215 through this area will be a high priority project.

The continuation of Measure I will allow significant transportation improvement and traffic management programs in San Bernardino County like this one to move forward.





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### PARTICIPATING AGENCIES

SANBAG  
RCTC  
CALTRANS  
FHWA

CITY OF COLTON

CITY OF GRAND TERRACE

CITY OF SAN BERNARDINO

CITY OF RIVERSIDE

COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE



## A JOINT EFFORT

The project team recognizes there are many constraints and issues associated with this project. From geotechnical issues, such as a neighboring fault line, to the close proximity of frontage roads, businesses and homes to the freeway, the widening of I-215 has direct impacts to many of the surrounding communities. SANBAG, RCTC and Caltrans are working hard to lessen these impacts to communities. Through the direct participation of staff from the cities of San Bernardino, Colton, Grand Terrace, and Riverside and the counties of San Bernardino and Riverside, the concerns and issues of each local jurisdiction are being well represented. Each local jurisdiction's transportation, public works, planning and development issues are shared with project designers to ensure the needs of each community are properly

addressed.

As this project progresses, community outreach to residents and businesses will be a vital part of the process. Regular updates will be provided to inform the community of the planning process and progress. Other important components of community outreach will include gathering input and defining public concerns, providing briefings to local officials and agencies, and soliciting public input regarding potential project alternatives.

As the project progresses for further updates, please visit the project website at [www.sanbag.ca.gov](http://www.sanbag.ca.gov), click on "Projects" and "Measure I Freeway Projects" and then "Interstate 215 Improvements—San Bernardino—Riverside."

